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Coroner—Geo. F. Jones.

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#### SOCIETIES.

##### RELIGIOUS.

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Sunday school at 12. Prayer Meeting every  
Thursday evening, at the Church.  
REV. O. W. WRIGHT, Pastor.

##### L. O. O. F.

CORONA LODGE No. 157, L. O. O. F. meet  
at their hall, on Locust Street, every  
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invited to attend. R. G. COOK, N. G.  
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#### THE TIMES JOB OFFICE

IS NOW PREPARED TO PRINT ALL KINDS  
of posters, cards, letter heads, bill heads  
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blanks, in the latest and most attractive styles

### THE LONG HORN.

There is a lull in the cattle market and the Texas bovine quietly nips the incipient blades of buffalo grass on the vast range south and north of Dodge. There are few cattle buyers or traders in the market, and there are few sales or shipments. The intelligent long horn is fattening on the nutritious grasses, preparatory to the corral, the shambles and the slaughter. It is probably early for transactions, though prices need stiffening. Owners prefer to hold until the backbone of the market rises to the perpendicular of its customary attitude—round prices for round cattle.

We know of a few buyers and traders who will shy their cantors into the cattle arena shortly. There is anticipation of an impetus in cattle transactions, but we are not advised of the probable operations of the market. Many young cattle will no doubt change hands at old prices.

The business already assuming large proportions is likely to receive a check through displays of amateur engagements. What we mean to say is inexperienced men finding the cattle business profitable, are going in on the long horn to return through the short horn route of their speculation. Capital will find investment but it needs experience to guide it. We imagine there is some tact and knowledge not acquired in a day and not hanging on the corners of bank bills.

### ARKANSAS VALLEY WHEAT.

The increased acreage of wheat cultivation gives promise of the extent of the production of this important cereal. It is estimated that the yield from the first plowing is double the cost of planting, harvesting and threshing; on the second plowing the yield will bring treble the cost of producing. The yield is from 20 to 40 bushels to the acre. As this valley is specially adapted to wheat culture we shall soon see this the most prominent feature of our industry. When raised on this soil bears a resemblance in character to Colorado wheat. Its weight is from 4 to 8 pounds to the bushel above the standard measure of weight per bushel.

The excellent flour manufactured in this valley is well attested. The ready sale and steady market is a guarantee of its quality and excellence.

The wheat acreage next year will be more than double of that grown this year. The Arkansas Valley is reckoned the wheat emporium of the world.

### HORSE STEALING.

This crime is becoming a little too prevalent to long retain public composure. The loop holes through which a horse thief may escape need a little tightening—enough squeezing to check that guard which shields the criminal from the operations of the law. Technicalities should be overruled and the motion to commit prevail. It is possible there may be a lack of evidence, but circumstances alter cases. The "arbitrary exercise of authority" will be extended to the length of a hempen cord. We don't wish to countenance or encourage mob law, but there is a tide in the affairs of horse thieves, when taken at the ebb leads to the halter.

County Attorney Sutton and Sheriff Masterson are using all fair and honorable means as officers to bring criminals to justice. All law abiding people commend them for the honest discharge of their duties.

Stock men or others are directed to the advertisement of J. U. Gay, Warrensburg, Mo., which appears in this paper, offering to trade a 1000 acre farm for Texas cattle or horses. We know the farm and pronounce it the best in Western Missouri. It is located near the Mo. Pacific R. R., in the finest stock raising and agricultural district of Missouri.

### SENTENCED.

The District Court was of unusual interest this week. The principal event was the trial of Henry Markling, on a charge of horse stealing. The trial occupied considerable time; but the jury returned a verdict of guilty after a few minutes deliberation. The prisoner was sentenced to serve five years in the penitentiary.

There was deep, intense interest manifested in this case, the defense employing counsel from abroad—J. G. Mohler, of Salina, Kan., and H. E. Gryden. Mr. Mohler is one of the finest criminal lawyers in the State, and with his associate counsel conducted the defense to the extent of his ability. The importance of the case was developed in the trial, as was evidenced by the squirming of certain parties under the exhortations by the indefatigable County Attorney, M. W. Sutton, who, unaided and alone, made a masterly and vigorous effort for the prosecution, which was generally commented upon as a clear, sound and logical argument, excelling any of the Judge's former pleadings at the bar. We quite agree with the generally expressed opinion that "Judge Sutton and B. M. Masterson are the right men in the right place." We have known Mike for eleven years, and have watched his career with no little interest. We are proud to chronicle his distinction at the bar. He crowned himself all over with glory in this prosecution, and bears his honors meekly. Close attention to business, a stations devotion to books, and a prompt discharge of duty, will insure to any young man a lasting reputation, a proud distinction and an honored title. County Attorney Sutton may continue to enjoy the honor, confidence and esteem of this community.

### RODEBAUGH'S CONFESSION.

Elsewhere we publish the confession made by Dave Rodebaugh, one of the attempted Kinsley train robbers. The publication of this matter is not without interest, since the trial of the prisoners took place in Kinsley last week. West, Gott and Green were each sentenced to five years in the penitentiary, and immunity given to Rodebaugh for disclosing the plot, and which rendered the conviction of the others without any manner of doubt. It is said that Rodebaugh was the bravest of the band, and the failure of the robbery was owing partly to the cowardice of some of the others.

Bark and Dement, two members of the gang, are fugitives from justice. They are described by Rodebaugh as follows:

Mike Bark is a man about six feet tall, sandy complexion, blue eyes, thirty years of age, sandy hair; wears a moustache and imperial; weigh about 190 pounds.

Dan Dement is a man about five feet 8 inches high, thirty years of age, weighs 150 pounds, black hair and eyes; wears a black moustache, very heavy; a thin face.

### DAMMING THE ARKANSAS.

The Lawrence Standard refers to our article on the damming of the river at Cimarron, and says: "Think of it—a water power flouting mill in the very heart of what was laid down on the maps less than forty years ago as the 'Great American Desert,' where as late as 1849 people used to get blinded by the shifting sands, blistered by the scorching sun, choked by the arid vaporous air, and lost in the apparently limitless waste of destitution and death, on their way to California. They now have thriving, prosperous towns there, too, and a railroad. It is one of the wonders of the age."

Properly speaking, the river will not be dammed; but a race will be run from a convenient and suitable point on the river, thus affording all the necessary mill power. Practically, it is the river drained.

### FRUIT AND TIMBER CULTURE.

There is considerable attention paid to the culture of fruit and forest trees by the settlers in this section of Kansas. We are glad to observe Ford county farmers taking hold of this matter in earnest. We know what a wonderful change has taken place in the general appearance and character of the counties east of us, within the last few years, produced by the planting and cultivation of fruit and forest trees. Edwards county two or three years ago was a desert plain. It has been rendered by skillful hands into a garden; its miniature forests are teeming in grandeur and beauty, and the luxuriant growth affords intense satisfaction. The eastern part of Ford county is receiving the same care and attention in horticulture and forestry. It is idle to speak of the adaptability of this soil and climate for tree culture. We shall only note the progress in that direction. Ford county has in cultivation:

No. Acres forest trees.....	200
No. Apple trees.....	200
No. Pear trees.....	225
No. Peach trees.....	240
No. Plum trees.....	200

Not a grand showing, but of importance in considering it is only a beginning. The Kinsley Graphic publishes an amended report from the Assessor of Edwards county, from which we glean the following:

No. Acres cultivated Forest Trees.....	200
Roots of Osage.....	2,500
Peach trees.....	4,101
Apple trees.....	3,500
Pear trees.....	321
Plum trees.....	1,000
Cherry trees.....	200

### CONGRESS.

The following bills failed for want of action in the House: The bill to restore to the pension rolls those whose names were stricken off for disloyalty; bill to regulate the compensation of postmasters, and prevent illegal traffic in postage stamps; bill to transfer the Indian Bureau to the War Department; several postal savings bills; bill to retire circulation of national bank bills; bill to authorize national banks to exchange their reserve for bonds; Texas Pacific bill; pro rate bill; bill for the improvement of the Mississippi river; Geosova award bill.

The only important bills which have passed the House, but which were not acted upon by the Senate, reached that body on the day of adjournment, were: The bill establishing post routes and bureau of pensions, and bill to increase pay of letter carriers.

The resolution making greenbacks receivable for customs duties after the 1st of October, which passed in the House by a vote of 154 to 53, remains a dead letter for want of the concurrence of the Senate.

M. M. LEWIS, editor of the Kinsley Graphic, spent Tuesday in Dodge City, and of course called at this office. We are an admirer of the Graphic and feel a deep interest in its success. It is one of our best exchanges. We like its style, its tone and its editor. Edwards county appreciates it and a host of friends on the outside are its champions. The good will of the people is the preponderance in the assets of a newspaper. The Graphic has that. This cannot be impaired so long as the newspaper continues reliable, honorable and straightforward. It takes hold of the affections of the people, and becomes a part and parcel of their world's goods. The Graphic occupies this position, and being a recognized legitimate institution cannot be shaken by any hantling conceived in treachery, violation of obligation or contract and bad faith.

Ford county seems to be better off than most counties, having two official papers. At least two papers announce themselves as such. This may be of interest to the tax payers.—[Spearville Enterprise]. It costs just one dollar.

Fort Larned has been abandoned and the soldiers sent to the frontier.